



## Switzerland Records Online

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### FAMILYSEARCH WIKI

Look in the FamilySearch Wiki for a list of online records. These are listed under FamilySearch Wiki under the article “Switzerland.” Click on “Switzerland Online Records” for the list.

**Note:** This list is **not** comprehensive!

### TIPS FOR USING ONLINE ARCHIVES

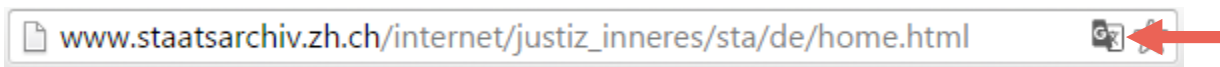
- Each canton has its own archive and website. To find your canton’s archive, do a Google search.

German cantons: “Staatsarchiv \_\_\_\_\_”

French cantons: “Archives cantonales \_\_\_\_\_”

Italian cantons: “Archivio cantonale \_\_\_\_\_”

- Use the browser Google Chrome. When you view a website in another language, an icon will appear in the upper right corner of the website address window.



Click on the icon, and select the option “Translate.” Keep in mind that the website will be translated by computer, so you may find the translations a bit rough. If you want to change the website back to the original language, click on the same icon, and click on “Show original.”

- Look for key words on the website:

English	German	French	Italian
Catalog	Archivkatalog	Fonds	Catalogo
Contents	Bestände	Collections	Collezioni
Contact (for email address)	Kontakt	Contact	Contatti
Church books	Kirchenbücher	Registres paroissiaux	Registri parrocchiali
Online	Online	En ligne	On-line

Use the FamilySearch Wiki to find word lists in German, French, and Italian for more specific word help!

- Some of the largest archive collections have “How to” Guides that will walk you step by step how to use them. To find the “How to” Guides, look in the FamilySearch Wiki for the article “How to” Guides for International Research. Scroll down to the entry for Switzerland. As of July 2016, the “How to” Guides contain helps for the Appenzell archives, Swiss Surnames, and the Zürich marriage index. Check back periodically for updates.

## FAMILYSEARCH IMAGES ONLINE

There are two ways to access digitized images from FamilySearch.

**Note:** Some images can only be viewed with a FamilySearch account or in a Family History Center. To find the closest Family History Center, type in your address in the following website:  
<https://familysearch.org/locations/>

### FamilySearch Historical Records

The Historical Records collection is comprised of two sections: Indexed Historical Records and Image Only Records. To find the Historical Records collection, do the following steps:

1. Go to <https://familysearch.org>. Click on Search.
2. Instead of searching for a name, click on the Europe section in the map under **Research By Location**. Select Switzerland.
3. Look under both Indexed Historical Records and Image Only Records. Click on the collection you are interested in.  
  
Each collection is organized by location. You must know the canton, and may need to know the district.
4. For Bern and Schaffhausen church records, look under Image Only Records and click on the collection **Switzerland, Church Records, 1277-1992**.

### FamilySearch Catalog

The FamilySearch Catalog now indicates if a film is digitally available. To find out if your film is available, complete the following steps:

1. Go to <https://familysearch.org>. Click on Search, then Catalog.
2. Enter in the name of your church parish, and select the location that matches your town.
3. Click on the collection type (for example, Church records) and individual entry until you find the catalog entry.
4. When you have found your catalog entry, scroll down until you see the list of microfilms available. Look in the column **Format** on the far right column. If your film is available digitally online, you will see an icon of a camera. Click on the camera to access the images online.